

MEET THE PLAYERS



The Minehead squad pictured at the start of this season. Back row (from left to right): David Burden, Tony Clausen, Alan Impey, John Macey, Bobby Brown, Jim Jenkins, Mike Malpas, Steve Morris. Front row (left to right): Steve Carter, Mike Burns, Brian Durbin, Bob Boyd (player-manager), Derek Bryant, Andy Leitch, Brian Hurford (trainer).



PLAYER/MANAGER BOB BOYD is now in his ninth season with the club. He had only been with the club a month before being offered the post of manager at the start of Minehead's move into the Southern League in 1972. At the beginning of this season he had made over 430 first team appearances, mainly in the back four and he has scored over 70 goals during this period. He has not missed a Southern League match this season.

JOHN MACEY — Goalkeeper in his second season after being the runner-up in the club's "Player of the Year" competition last season. He made over 200 first team appearances last season. Formerly with Bristol City and Newport County, for whom he made nearly 200 English League appearances. Played in County's 3-1 defeat against Wycombe in 1973.

ALAN IMPEY — Now in his fourth season with Minehead, having joined them from Yeovil Town. Last season he made 46 appearances and he is a former Welsh youth international.

TONY CLAUSEN — The longest serving member of the team and is the only local based lad in the side. Still in his twenties Tony has already made over 870 first team appearances which is a club record. He has missed only 15 matches since Minehead joined the Southern League.

STEVE CARTER — Stalwart defender who won the "Player of the Year" award last season and is the only player in post-war football with Minehead to have done so twice. He has been with Minehead for four seasons and is approaching his 450th appearance. Minehead has been his only professional club.

BOBBY BROWN — Joined them from Weymouth in February 1976 for a small fee and has been regular choice since that date. Although he has been loaned out by Minehead on several occasions, which has caused him to miss several matches of late. Formerly with Bristol Rovers for whom he made over 100 English League appearances.

COLIN FREEMAN — Teenager who joined the club at the beginning of last season from Bristol City with whom he had been an apprentice but had not played this season. Since he has been able to establish a regular place for himself in the side. Can play equally well in attack or defence and is very quick off the mark.

DEREK BRYANT — Popular player who has been with Minehead for seven seasons with a two season break when he was at Merthyr Tydfil and Taunton Town. He scored 30 goals last season which brought his tally for the club to 167. He scored 21 Southern League goals last term and was the leading S.L. scorer for Minehead in the season before.

ANDY LEITCH — Tall, effective striker who hit a club record last term when he netted 36 goals, including four in one match against Weymouth. Joined Minehead towards the end of the 1975/76 season when he scored 17 goals. This season he has netted 9 goals and could be heading for another club record. Scored 10 each of his last 5 FA Cup appearances.

JIM JENKINS — The third member of the striking trio of Bryant, Leitch and Jenkins who between them scored 98 goals for Minehead last season. Jim's contribution was 30 goals. Has netted 120 goals for Minehead in 268 appearances over the past five seasons. This season he has only netted two goals, but has been dogged by injury, which has now cleared up.

BRIAN DURBIN — Joined Minehead at the start of last season from Taunton Town for a record fee of £1,000. Regular member of the side and his performances this season have attracted league scouts. Played in 54 matches last season. This season he has scored five goals — three from the spot.

DAVID WILTSHIRE — Newcomer this season who joined Minehead from Bristol City with whom he was an apprentice. Plays mainly in the midfield. Has yet to find a regular spot for himself in the line-up.

DAVID BURDEN — Another newcomer who joined Minehead from Norwich where he had 63 matches in the Norwich Reserve team as a defender. Still only 19 David, like David Wiltshire has yet to command a regular place in the side.

Replay date
SHOULD tomorrow's FA Cup first round tie between Minehead and Wycombe Wanderers be drawn, the teams will replay at Loakes Park on Tuesday evening (kick-off 7.30 pm).